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- 1. COURTESY CALL MARCH 12 ON NEW FONMIN ABDALLAH AL-ASNAG PROVIDED SEVERAL INSIGHTS ABOUT PDRY POLICY TOWARDS YEMEN AND GULF STATES.
- 2. ASNAG SAID HE HAD FOUND PDRY OFFICIALS AT LAHORE MUCH MORE REASONABLE THAN PREVIOUSLY. ALTHOUGH THEY STILL DISAGREED SHARPLY WITH YARG ON MANY POINTS, FOR FIRST TIME THEY WERE WILLING TO LISTEN TO ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW. ASNAG HAD LONG DISCUSSION WITH PDRY FONMIN MUTI', WHO RECENTLY SENT HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO SANAA TO TELL ASNAG HE APPRECIATED FRANK DISCUSSIONS AND HOPED THEY WOULD CONTINUE. ASNAG, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE, FELT THAT MUTI' HAD HAD SOME REASONABLY FREINDLY DISCUSSIONS WITH SAG FONMIN SAQQAF.
- 3. ASNAG WAS TOLD AT LAHORE BY BAHRAINI FONMIN MUBARAK THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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PDRY DELEGATION WANTED TO EXTEND DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO

BAHRAIN. MUBARAK HAD REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT PDRY SHOULD DO SO ONLY IF IT WILLING TO RECOGNISE AT SAME TIME ALL OTHER GULF STATES, INCLUDING OMAN. PDRY OFFICIALS PREDICTABLY DEMURRED.

4. ACCORDING ASNAG PDRY SABOTAGE IN YAR PRESENTLY AT LOW LEVEL, ALTHOUGH FORMER ALWAYS WILLING TO INFLAME LOCAL DISPUTES AS IT HAD DONE IN BAYDA AREA EARLIER THIS MONTH. YARG WELCOMES REDUCTION OF TENSIONS AND INCREASED CONTACTS NOT BECAUSE IT ANY LESS DISTRUSTFUL OF PDRY'S HOSTILE INTENTIONS, BUT BECAUSE IT WILL ALLOW YARG TO LEARN PERSONALITIES OF LEADING PDRY OFFICIALS WITH A VIEW TO MANIPULATING EVENTS TO WEAKEN AND DIMINISH POWER OF EXTREMISTS. THIS ASNAG SAID WAS NOT ONLY HIS VIEW BUT ALSO THAT OF PRESIDENT IRYANI.

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